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HAPPY CHANUKAH!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



It was so nice seeing and greeting so many of you at High Holy Day services. It was a time of renewal, inspiration and reflection. We had the opportunity to renew acquaintances and friendships and redefine our relationships with each other. The feeling of community and connection was also evident during Sukkot and

Simchat Torah. The spirit and camaraderie of our special community came through loud and clear, and it reinforces what we already know -- The Emanuel Synagogue is the place to be!

On Yom Kippur, I spoke of being present – with your heart, your time, and your energy. Our synagogue community grows stronger when more of us are involved and step forward – not only to attend, but to volunteer, to lend our talents, and to support the sacred work we do together. Whether helping a congregant find a seat at services or inviting them to sit with you at Kiddush, volunteering with the Social Action Committee by making sandwiches for a food kitchen or sorting food from the Kol Nidre Food Drive or visiting with or making a phone call to a homebound congregant, your contributions matter! You can also get involved by volunteering on a committee or project whether it's a regular monthly commitment or an occasional opportunity. We're all part of something bigger, whether that's a family unit, a circle of friends, or a larger community, like The Emanuel Synagogue. There are so many opportunities for you to find spiritual, social and personal connections. Please reach out to Tammi Kraushaar at tammi@emanuelsynagogue.org or call the office at (860) 236-1275, to learn about volunteer opportunities.

As we come to the end of the secular year, Thanksgiving will soon be upon us followed by Hanukkah. When we light the Hanukkah candles, we must remember how important it is to carry our light into the world. It has never been more important than now to be together as Emanuelites and as a larger Jewish community.

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Trustees, warmest wishes as we gather to give thanks and enjoy the lights of Hanukkah.

Reesa F. Olins
President

EMANUEL'S B'NAI MITZVAH



Maya Shumel, daughter of Eliad and Jenny Shmuel will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 22, 2025.

Parashat Toldot

THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS (AS OF PRESS TIME)

SEPTEMBER

The Geoghegans, the Bomzers, Susan Rosenstein and Family, the Spaeth Tsukroff Family, the Malley Family and the Madan-Cohen Family

Faith Helene, Marshall Soltz and the Joe and Agnes Bacher family in honor of their respective birthdays

Rhoda Kaplan in honor of Aaron and Alanna's 16th birthdays.

Judy Silver on honor of her chanting the Haftorah for Shabbat Shuvah.

OCTOBER

Jackie Isaacson in honor of Lou Blumenfeld's 80th birthday and Gail and Jeff Adler in honor of their 75th birthdays.

Rabbi Howard and Cheryl Rosenbaum celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary and The Emanuel Synagogue.

Barbara and Jonathan Fink in honor of their son Mason's Bar Mitzvah

THE ARTS AT THE EMANUEL/THE EMANUEL PLAYERS

by Ben Engel

Fall 2025 Season

We're having some fun in the old Lower East Side!

New York – especially the Lower East Side – holds a special place in the imagination of American Jews. It was where many of our forebears got off the boat from Europe to start a new life in America. They struggled to rise, adapting their Judaism along the way. Guiding them was their Yiddish newspaper, the Forward. The paper and the neighborhood embodied an energy and spirit that lives on in American Jews today.

Join us for two more special events at Emanuel Synagogue:

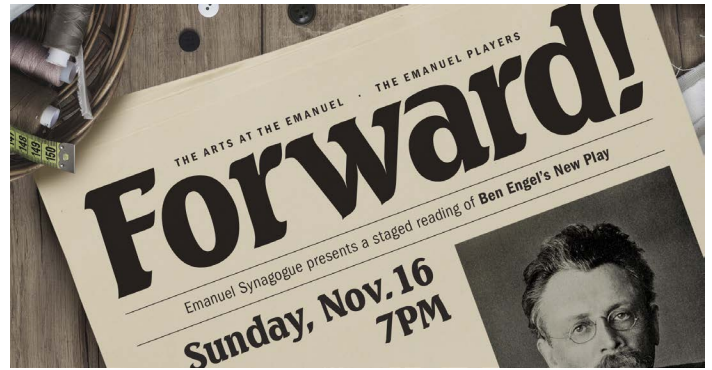


An Evening with the Bintel Brief

Wednesday, November 5
at 7:30 p.m.

Love, bosses, neighbors, religion: The Forward advised its readers on many things in its famous Bintel Brief (A Basket of Letters). We'll share some lively letters aloud in an atmosphere of the Bintel days. Ben Engel will talk about the play. *Admission Free*

Register by scanning here,
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Forward!

A Staged Reading of Ben Engel's New Play
Sunday, November 16 at 7 p.m.

Tickets on sale now at emanuelsynagogue.org

Please consider a special donation to this Emanuel fundraiser!

The Forward proved to be the newspaper that best understood and served an immigrant population eager to go from being “greenhorns” to being Americans. The play traces the origins of the newspaper in the strife-torn Yiddish labor movement from 1890-1903, as its longtime editor, Abraham Cahan, fights for control, and ultimately wins because his vision for the paper matched that of its readers.

Eric Hoffman will play the ambitious and conflicted Abraham Cahan, with Esther Aronson as his wife Anyuta. Fred Spaeth will portray Cahan's antagonistic ally, Louis Miller. Mel Simon, Rabbi Steve Chatinover, Hilary Silver and Marty Hirsh form a disparate quartet of Lower East Side Jews, each affected by events in his or her own way. You'll get to see Rabbi David Small play a prominent writer and a sweatshop boss! Lesley Weiner, Ken Simon and Eliana Tsukroff complete the cast, and Carolyn Topol will return as Narrator. We'll be in costume, and you'll hear music by Antonín Dvořák. The play is directed by Adrian A. Durlenster and produced by Ken Simon. Elizabeth Ehrlich will be the costumer.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

PHILIP SMALL (REJOINING)

ALLAN AND SUSAN VINER

STEVEN WARNER

STEWART AND ROWNA SUTIN

YANA RAZUMNAYA

LAUREN GRAF

INGRID CHORCHES

ALIZA AND DAVID CHAMEIDES

KARA LANE-ANDERSON, MATTHEW AND AVA ANDERSON

PHILIP AND ANNA CONLEY

REBA LINKER

XIA, GABRIEL & KIARA BANSCHICK

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

by Barbara Fink

We began our year with an amazing ribbon cutting ceremony to start our learning in the Rabbi Philip and Ruth Lazowski Religious School. What an incredible way to start the year, gathered together watching the kids' enthusiasm to learn.

They have all taken the words of the bracha- Lasok b'divrei Torah- to soak themselves with Torah- to heart. We truly hope they are coming home and telling you about the great things they are learning.

We had amazing High Holiday Services led by Janice Barshay, Leilah Rosen, Brittany Stern and The Children's Museum. I can't thank them enough for their time and thought that was put into each program.

Once again, we welcomed in the "Canoe year" at Main Stream Canoe with families canoeing and doing a special Tashlich!

Personally, I watched as my son, Mason, became a Bar Mitzvah and beamed with pride as a mom and as the Director of Youth and Family Learning at all he has accomplished.

The Torah commands parents to "teach your children" V'shinantam L'vanecha. I want to thank all of the parents for partnering with us to help teach your children. We are looking forward to a wonderful Chanukah!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 1: Havdalah and Hayrides
- November 2: 7th grade family program
- November 7: Sixth and Seventh grade participate in Friday night services followed by dinner
- November 15: Shabbat morning family services for kids and families, including Tot Shabbat and Shabbat Club during Kiddish
- November 16: 5th and 6th grade Community-wide Sigd Program (location TBD- not Emanuel)
- December 5: Third, Fourth and Fifth grades participate in Friday night services followed by dinner
- December 14: 1st and 2nd grade community Chanukah program
- December 17: Chanukah Party
- December 20: Shabbat morning family services for kids and families, including Tot Shabbat and Shabbat Club during Kiddish, 6th graders will read Torah in Family Services



**HAVDALAH
& HAYRIDES**

Saturday, November 1 at 6:45 PM
Westmoor Park

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The poster features a stylized illustration of a tractor pulling a hay wagon filled with people under a night sky with a crescent moon and stars. A QR code is located on the left side of the illustration.



**NOVEMBER
SHABBAT DINNER**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 6:15 PM

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COMMUNITY GUEST	ADULT \$28.00 CHILD 13 & UNDER \$12

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The poster has a colorful, textured background and a QR code at the bottom right.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

by Michalee Merritt

Thank you to all that donated bags of food and household items to the Kol Nidre Food Drive. We collected 15% more bags than in 2024! We also raised about \$750 to donate between the three organizations. All the organizations, Bloomfield Food Pantry, JFS Kosher Food Pantry and Loaves and Fishes were all very appreciative.

If you don't already know we will have an ongoing relationship with Loaves & Fishes. We will be packing lunch bags for the clients to take home after having a hot meal at Loaves & Fishes. This will be done at least every other month. Emanuel will have a group go to Loaves & Fishes and prep and serve starting in 2026.

If you are interested in helping with this initiative please reach out to Michalee Merritt at merrittm13@gmail.com

or Hilda Slivka at

hilda.slivka@gmail.com

The food was sorted by the 6th grade religious school class, Isaac Silverman, Ken Malley, Hilda Slivka and Michalee Merritt.



NEW NEW NEW NEW

Loaves & Fishes has a Sewing Program as well as a Knitting program. This

helps clients build a sense of community and enjoy a new found skill. If you have any sewing or knitting supplies that you would like to donate please bring them to Emanuel and there will be a basket for your donations in the coatroom. Please contact us if you would like to help with our initiatives or if you have any ideas for our committee.

MEMBERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT

Are you a new member or one that has been here for awhile? Are you looking for something new, want to meet other members or reconnect with your synagogue community? We have something for you!

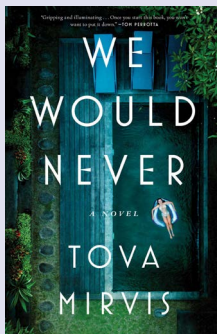
We continue to have our Books & Banter Book group which meets every six weeks.

Upcoming dates:

12/2/2025 11am - We Would Never by Tova Mirvis

1/13/2026 11am - TBD

This is open to all and no registration is necessary! Please join us! Questions? Email Michalee Merritt at merrittm13@gmail.com



Interested in Maj Jongg?

Our group is growing and we are always looking to add more people! We have open play on Thursdays at 12:30pm. You do not need to come with a group! Anyone is welcome!

Is there anything that you would like to see us offer at Emanuel? Please reach out to Michalee Merritt merrittm13@gmail.com

MERCAZ NEWS

by Ken Malley

We're pleased to share exciting news: MERCAZ USA achieved a strong showing in the recent World Zionist Congress (WZC) elections, increasing its global representation by 15%, from 35 to 39 mandates. This success ensures that the voice of the Masorti/Conservative Movement—rooted in pluralism, equality, and a deep commitment to Jewish tradition and democracy—will continue to play a meaningful role in shaping the future of Israel and the Jewish world.

As MERCAZ delegates prepare for the upcoming Congress in Jerusalem—the first since the tragic events of October 7—they will focus on key priorities including gender equality in leadership and funding, defending the Egalitarian Kotel, upholding election integrity within Zionist institutions, and supporting an independent, transparent inquiry into the failures surrounding October 7. These efforts reflect the movement's unwavering commitment to compassion, fairness, and accountability at a critical moment in Jewish life.

Thank you to everyone in our Emanuel Synagogue community who supported this important election and helped strengthen our collective voice. To stay connected with MERCAZ's work and receive updates from the upcoming Congress, you can join the MERCAZ WhatsApp Updates Group or support MERCAZ USA with a donation. Together, we continue to affirm our connection to Israel and the global Masorti/Conservative community.



News From The BROTHERHOOD

Thank you to our Brotherhood Breakfast sponsors and to Peter Solomon for a fascinating and thought-provoking presentation on Sunday morning, October 12th. His discussion on the rapid pace of science and technology—its promise and its peril—was both a wake-up call and an inspiration to think deeply about humanity's future.



Sponsors for the event:

Joel Kent: In honor of the return of the hostages.

Peter & Lee Solomon: In honor of the earth and Peter Solomon.

Sheryl and Stuart Kopel: In honor of our 49th wedding anniversary.

Bob and Carol Tellar: In honor of Peter's new book and in memory of Barbara and Steve Berns.

Harvey and Ellen Schiller: In honor of our grandchildren.

Art and Reba Nassau: In honor of Ariyah's birthday.

Gerald Field: In honor of Sarah Field and Aaron & Jenna Field, and in memory of Arnold and Selma Field.

Alan Cetal: In honor of the Brotherhood.

Michael Kamins: In memory of Marsha.

Al & Nancy Fichman: In honor of granddaughter Hailey and grandson Zachary.

Bob Levine: In honor of the Brotherhood.

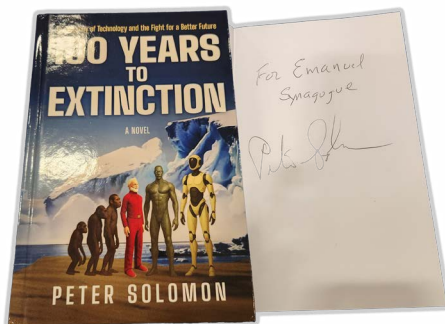
Mark and Deb Luster: In honor of the Brotherhood.

Gary Cohen: In honor of my grandchildren.

Sandra and Bob Rudnicki: In honor of Cadence and Brickely Rudnicki.

Jeff Adler: In honor of Gail Adler's 75th birthday.

Susan and Paul Goldberg: In honor of Bob and Carol Tellar.



Joyce and Mickey Libbin: In honor of the Brotherhood.
Stan Miller and Emily Lebovitz Miller: In honor of The Emanuel Synagogue.

Marshall Soltz: In honor of the negotiated Israel Peace Agreement.

Barbara Nair: In honor of freeing all the hostages.



Thank you to the gentlemen that helped build the Sukkah: Jeff Adler, Ken Malley, Ben Ramot, Matt Eddinger, Jeff Poland, Jason Gluck, Jon Stein, Daniel Rozenfeld, Jared Goldstein, Jonathan Raub, and Josh Cohen.

As we settle into the new season at Emanuel, the Brotherhood is in full swing! A huge thank-you to all the guys who came out to help put up the sukkah — teamwork, laughter, and maybe a few power tools made it a great success. It's one of those moments that remind us what community is all about: showing up, lending a hand, and sharing the joy of building something together.

Looking ahead, we've got more opportunities to get involved — from social gatherings to service projects. Whether you're a longtime member or new to the Brotherhood, there's always room for one more at the table (or on the ladder!).

Mark your calendar: Our **Annual Paid-Up Dinner** with Rabbi Rudolph is happening on **Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6PM**. It's always a highlight of the year — a chance to enjoy good food, great company, and meaningful conversation. Don't miss it!

Let's keep the momentum going. Stay tuned for more upcoming events and come be part of the camaraderie that makes Emanuel such a special place.

— The Brotherhood at Emanuel

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JT CONNECT

JTConnect @Emanuel is having a great year! Please find upcoming events below.

For more information, visit <https://jtconnect.org/>

Sunday, Nov. 2:

JTConnect class at The Emanuel

Sunday, Nov. 9:

JTConnect class at The Emanuel

Sunday, Nov. 16:

JT Connect class at The Emanuel

Sunday, Nov. 23

Annual Pumpkin Pie Bake Event

Sunday, Nov. 30:

JT Connect class at The Emanuel

Sunday, Dec. 7:

JT Connect class at The Emanuel

Sunday, Dec. 14:

JT Connect class at The Emanuel

Mega Pumpkin Pie Bake

2025

Sunday, November 23rd | 12pm-2pm | West Hartford, CT
location provided upon registration
Register at JTConnect.org/

NEHAMA... Heartfelt condolences and support to the families of:

Eli Levy, Son, Yinon (Madaline) Levy, and grandchildren, Yael and Zachary Levy. Wife, Pnina Levy; sons, Amir (Stacey), and Jacob (Maxine); daughter, Einat (Noam); brothers, Gabi and Rafi; 14 grandchildren;

Chuck Albert, Daughters, Lauren Rosen (David), and Dayna Patashnik (Dave); grandsons, Adam, Ethan, & Eli Rosen, and Aaron & Andrew Patashnik; his wife, Helen Frank and her sons, Robert Frank (Alison) and Steven Frank (Naomi); step-grandchildren, Jessica, Emily, Nicole, Louis, and Ella Frank;

Mal Dembo, Son, Steven Dembo (Amy); daughter, Robin Perregaux (Gary); grandchildren, Rachel, Lauren, Jacob, Ian, & Jordan;

Harriet Cudrin, Daughters, Lisa Sadinsky (Scott), Rachel D'Argenio; grandchildren, Dara & Abigail Sadinsky, Devin D'Argenio;

Alan David Rosenthal, Siblings, Bette Rosenthal (Dena Hackett), Jan Rosenthal, Daniel Rosenthal (Susan); nieces and nephews Heidi Krause, John Krause (Tatum), Brian Krause (Tristin) and Joshua Rosenthal (Katie), Amanda Hackett; great-nieces and nephews Julia, Alana, Hannah, Briana, Jacob, Jackson and Eve as well as many lifelong friends;

Pamela Katzman, Husband, Michael "Mike" Katzman; son, Matthew "Matt" Katzman (Nicole); daughters, Rachele Katzman (Josh) and Jennifer Allen; sister-in-law, Sandi Needelman (Marc); grandchildren, Asher Joe, Lily, Cayden, and Nora;

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A HANUKAH SONG

by Rabbi David Small



Hanukah comes bold and bright
Illuminates the darkest night
We kindle the eternal flame
With pride and love
No fear nor shame
Though haters menace we stand strong
Unite in joy and happy song
Recall the Maccabees of old
Whose faith and courage are retold
The few vanquished foreign might
In God's holy temple kindled lights
And now eight nights our dreidels spin
Our voices make a festive din
With smiles on every happy face
Our great traditions we embrace
Find inspiration in the ancient tale
When we stand together, we will never fail!
Wishing you a joyous Chag Urim
May God fulfill your every dream!

FROM THE CANTOR



The *Chagim* might already be a fading memory, so I hope you will indulge me as I look backwards to look forward. Thank you to all who gathered together to welcome the Afro-Semitic Experience and to begin the Season of Repentance with a Selichot service full of deep, creative, soulful prayer. Together we set a tone for the season of *kavannah* (meaningful intention) and strength in togetherness. As we moved forward through the High Holidays this year - step by step through Selichot of togetherness, Rosh Hashanah full of song, Tashlich services far and wide, Shabbat Shuva of meaningful community, Cemetery and Yizkor services with memory and depth, Kol Nidre with newly restored Torahs, Yom Kippur that elevated our spirits, abundant and engaging family programming throughout, Sukkot full of hope for peace, and Simchat Torah with all the living hostages finally home - we have travelled together through so much of the highs and lows of the human experience.

And just like that, as quickly as it came in, the new year becomes just "the year." Meals are cooked. Homes are cleaned. Projects are started and completed. The autumn leaves turn, and it's too easy to forget the intentionality and depth of meaning with which the year began.

So let us remember, as we recover from the busyness of early autumn and prepare for the winter to come. When we sit at our Thanksgiving gatherings or light the Chanukah candles, may we be reminded that this year began with depth, creativity, reflection, intention and song, and may we be blessed to continue to suffuse it with this beauty and *kavannah*.

— Hazzan Daniella Risman

CHANUKAH LIGHTS ARE BACK!

Each night, a different group will participate in outdoor lighting. Donuts and cider will be served.

Watch for an email from the the Ritual Committee

CHANUKAH

On Friday, the Chanukah candles are lit before dark and before Shabbat lights...
On Saturday evening, the Chanukah candles follow Havdalah, at home after dark.

הדלקת נרות HADLAKAT NEIROT CANDLELIGHTING

ברוך אתה הי *Barukh atab Adonai*
אלהינו מלך העולם *Eloheinu melekh ba-olam*
אשר קדשנו במצוותיו *Asher kidsbanu b'mitzvotav*
וצונו *V'tzivanu*
להדליק נר של חנוכה. *L'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.*

Praised are You, Adonai,
Our God, Ruler of the universe,
Who made us holy through the commandments
and commanded us
to kindle the Hanukkah lights.



CHANUKAH IS
DECEMBER 14-22,
2025. LIGHT THE
FIRST CHANUKAH
CANDLE, SUNDAY
NIGHT, DECEMBER 14,
AFTER 5:00 P.M.

The candles: set from right to left and light
from left to right

שעשה נסים SHEH'ASAH NISSIM לאבותינו LA'AVOTEINU THE ONE WHO DID MIRACLES FOR OUR ANCESTORS

ברוך אתה הי *Barukh atab Adonai*
אלהינו מלך העולם *Eloheinu melekh ba-olam,*
שעשה נסים לאבותינו *Sheh'asah nissim la'avoteinu*
בימים ההם *Ba-yamim ha-beim*
בזמן הזה. *Ba-z'man ha-zeh.*

Praised are You, Adonai,
Our God, Ruler of the universe,

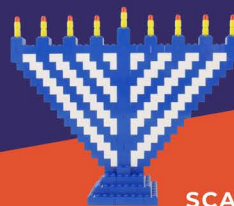
שהחיינו SHEHEHEYANU WHO HAS GIVEN US LIFE (on the first night only:)

ברוך אתה הי *Barukh atab Adonai*
אלהינו מלך העולם *Eloheinu melekh ba-olam*
שהחיינו *shebeheyanu*
וקיימנו *v'ki-y'manu*
והגיענו *v'higiyanu*
לזמן הזה. *la-z'man ha-zeh.*

Praised are You, Adonai,
Our God, Ruler of the universe,
Who has given us life
and sustained us
and enabled us to reach
this season.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 5:30 PM
Chanukah Celebration at The Emanuel

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ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

by Ona Mastronarde

During the fall, programming with Partners in Jewish Programming continued with presentations about Finding G-D in the Material World, The Druze Israeli Minority – Covenant of Blood, and The Shtetl: A Jewish Universe. We also had the opportunity to travel virtually to Barbados and learn about the history of Jewish life there. Film historian John Kenrick discussed the movies Oklahoma and South Pacific. Thursday morning Natalie Ziplow study sessions resumed, with Rabbi Small leading us through torah study and discussions of current events in Israel this fall. The November and December programs planned by Partners in Jewish Programming are listed below. Programs will be on Zoom. Registration links will be included in the weekly It's all Happening at the Emanuel eblasts.

Sunday, Nov. 2 @ 1:00 PM:

Nisya Isman Allovi, the Director and Curator of the Quincentennial Foundation Museum of Turkish Jews, and a proud member of Istanbul's vibrant Jewish community, will explore the Jewish heritage sites of Jewish Istanbul. A modern-day embodiment of ancient Constantinople, it presents a breathtaking panorama of towering minarets and domes surrounded by water, bathed in a golden light from the sun. Within its many neighborhoods lie numerous synagogues, each with its unique narrative, telling tales of the Jews who built them and worshiped within.



Sunday, Nov. 9 @ 8:30 PM: Film historian, John Kenrick will discuss how Sholem Aleichem's short stories about a Jewish milkman in a Russian shtetl became a lasting worldwide hit in Fiddler on the Roof.

Thursday, Nov. 13 @ 8:30 PM: Ayelet Brinn, Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies and History at the University of Hartford, will speak about Abraham Cahan and the Rise of the American Yiddish Press, exploring how the American Yiddish press grew from unpromising origins into the diverse, successful publication market that it eventually became. Cahan's early career highlights the complex, often conflicting financial and ideological motivations that stood at the heart of the American Yiddish press, as well as the often-porous boundaries between American publishing markets in various languages at the turn of the twentieth century.

Sunday, Nov. 23 @ 1:00 PM: A Virtual Tour of the Once Jewish Towns of Eastern Europe will explore selected shtetls from all ends of Eastern Europe - Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine, and Belarus, walking down their old streets, looking at the Jewish homes, and seeing how general shtetl features are reflected in these particular towns. There will be a discussion of the relations between Jews and Christians, as well as the political and social life in these shtetls and how shtetl life changed over the centuries. Old and new photographs and people's memoirs will help provide some understanding of the life of our ancestors.

Thursday, Dec. 4 @ 8:30 PM: David M. Mizrahi Fidanque, whose family has been longtime members of the Jewish community of Panama and pro-Israel activists, will take us virtually to Jewish Panama, which sits at the crossroads of the Americas and is home to its world-famous Canal, one of the busiest trading routes in the world and is also home to a thriving Jewish Community dating back over a century. It is perhaps the only country other than Israel to have had two Jewish presidents in the XX Century. Home to more than 10,000 Jews, it is the largest continuously existing Jewish Community in Central America and the Caribbean. The presentation will give a historical, demographic, social, gastronomic, and spiritual visit to this small but outstanding community.



Sunday, December 14 @ 1:00 PM: Evgenia Kempinski, a professional Jewish tour guide, born and raised in St. Petersburg, Russia, will present Exploring the Lives of Jewish Children in Eastern Europe, discussing the rich tapestry of Jewish childhood in the shtetl, exploring daily life, family traditions, and the community bonds that shaped the futures of young lives in Eastern Europe.



Emanuel members gathered for Scotch in the Sukkah on October 9, enjoying good company, food, and a tasting led by Joshua Hatton of Single Cask Nation.

News From The SISTERHOOD

As we move into the holiday season, the Emanuel Synagogue Sisterhood extends heartfelt greetings to the entire community. The coming months are times of reflection, gratitude, and celebration, and they offer us a wonderful opportunity to come together in friendship and shared purpose.

Sisterhood is proud to be a part of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, which connects us to a vibrant network of Jewish women across North America and beyond. Through this partnership, we continue to strengthen our synagogue, our community, and the future of Conservative Judaism.

This season also gives us the chance to support the Torah Fund, which sustains the vital work of educating future rabbis, cantors, educators, and Jewish leaders. Every contribution, large or small, helps ensure a strong foundation for generations to come. We encourage all Sisterhood members to participate in this meaningful mitzvah.

We hope you will join us for our upcoming Sisterhood programs and events. Whether it's a social gathering, a learning opportunity, or an art project, your presence and energy enrich everything we do. Sisterhood is at its strongest when each of us finds ways to connect, contribute, and celebrate together.

Wishing you and your loved ones a season filled with light, warmth, and joy. Chag Urim Sameach and Happy Holidays to all!

Please feel free to reach out any time with any questions, concerns, event ideas, or anything else.

Be well,
Rachel Arnett
Sisterhood President
emanuelsisterhoodpresident@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates:
December 10, 2025 - Healthy Eating Program
January 14, 2026 - Mah Jongg Lessons begin
April 19, 2026 - Coffee Tasting and Recycling

MAZAL TOV TO...

David & Paula Baram, on the birth of their granddaughter, Sadie Evelyn Baram, on August 21, 2025.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<p>Please Note:</p> <p>Clocks change Saturday Night back one hour!</p>	<p>1 10 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 9am</p> <p>Sponsored Kiddush 12pm</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 5:30pm</p> <p>Havdalah 6:26m</p> <p>Havdalah and Hayrides 6:45pm</p>
<p>2 11 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 8am</p> <p>Religious School 10am</p> <p>7th Grade Family Program 9am</p> <p>JT Connect 10:30am</p> <p>Adult Ed: Jewish Istanbul 1pm</p> <p>Play Rehearsal 3pm</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p>	<p>3 12 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p>	<p>4 13 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p> <p>Ritual Committe 7:00pm</p>	<p>5 14 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Religious School 4pm</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p> <p>Executive Committee 7:00pm</p>	<p>6 15 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Ziplow 10:30am</p> <p>Kibbitz & Nosh 11am</p> <p>Mah Jongg 12:30pm</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p>	<p>7 16 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Candle Lighting 4:20pm</p> <p>Mincha 4:30pm</p> <p>Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv, led by 6th/7th grade 5:15pm</p> <p>November Community Dinner 6:15pm</p>	<p>8 17 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 9am</p> <p>Chapel Minyan 9:15am</p> <p>Sponsored Kiddush 12pm</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p> <p>Havdalah 5:17pm</p>
<p>9 18 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 8am</p> <p>Religious School 9am</p> <p>JT Connect 10:30am</p> <p>Play Rehearsal 3pm</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p> <p>Adult Ed: Fiddler on the Roof 8pm</p>	<p>10 19 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p> <p>Brotherhood Board Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>11 20 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p> <p>Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>12 21 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Group 10:30am</p> <p>Religious School 4pm</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p>	<p>13 22 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Ziplow 10:30am</p> <p>Kibbitz & Nosh 11am</p> <p>Mah Jongg 12:30pm</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p> <p>Mandala Dot Painting 6:30pm</p>	<p>14 23 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Candle Lighting 4:13pm</p> <p>Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 4:15pm</p>	<p>15 24 Cheshvan</p> <p>Veteran's Day Shabbat 9am</p> <p>Shaharit 9am</p> <p>Tot Shabbat 10:30am</p> <p>Family Srvc's 10:30am</p> <p>Shabbat Club 12pm</p> <p>Sponsored Kiddush 12pm</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p> <p>Havdalah 5:11pm</p>
<p>16 25 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 8am</p> <p>Religious School 9am</p> <p>5th/6th Grade Community Program 9:15am</p> <p>JT Connect 10:30am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p> <p>Staged Reading of "Forward" 7pm</p>	<p>17 26 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p>	<p>18 27 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p> <p>BOT Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>19 28 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Religious School 4pm</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p>	<p>20 29 Cheshvan</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Ziplow 10:30am</p> <p>Kibbitz & Nosh 11am</p> <p>Mah Jongg 12:30pm</p> <p>Membership Mtg 2pm</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm</p> <p>Rising Song Circles 5:30pm</p>	<p>21 1 Kislev</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Candle Lighting 4:08pm</p> <p>Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 4:15pm</p>	<p>22 2 Kislev</p> <p>Shaharit 9am</p> <p>Bat Mitzvah: Maya S. 9am</p> <p>Chapel Minyan 9:15am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm</p> <p>Havdalah 5:05pm</p>
<p>23 3 Kislev</p> <p>Shaharit 8am</p> <p>Religious School 9am</p> <p>Brthd Breakfast 9am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm</p>	<p>24 4 Kislev</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm</p>	<p>25 5 Kislev</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm</p>	<p>26 6 Kislev</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm</p>	<p>27 7 Kislev</p> <p><i>Thanksgiving Day</i></p> <p>Shaharit 8am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm</p>	<p>28 8 Kislev</p> <p>Shaharit 7am</p> <p>Candle Lighting 4:04pm</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm</p>	<p>29 9 Kislev</p> <p>Shaharit 9am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm</p> <p>Havdalah 5:02pm</p>
<p>30 10 Kislev</p> <p>Shaharit 8am</p> <p>Religious School 9am</p> <p>JT Connect 10:30am</p> <p>Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm</p>						

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 11 Kislev Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	2 12 Kislev Shaharit 7am Books&Banter 11am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm Ritual Committee 7:00pm	3 13 Kislev Shaharit 7am Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	4 14 Kislev Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Kibbitz & Nosh 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm Winter Ccktil 6:30pm Exec Committe 7pm	5 15 Kislev Shaharit 7am Candle Lighting 4:02pm Mincha 4:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 5:15pm Community Dinner 6:15pm	6 16 Kislev Shaharit 9am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm Havdalah 5:00pm
7 17 Kislev Shaharit 8am Religious School 9am JT Connect 10:30am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	8 18 Kislev Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm Brotherhood Board Meeting 7:30pm	9 19 Kislev Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30pm	10 20 Kislev Shaharit 7am Rsh Chodesh 10:30am Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm Healthy Eating 7pm	11 21 Kislev Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	12 22 Kislev Shaharit 7am Candle Lighting 4:02pm Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	13 23 Kislev Shaharit 9am Chpl Minyan 9:15am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm Havdalah 5:00pm
14 24 Kislev Erev Chanukah Shaharit 8am Religious School 9am 1st/2nd Grade Prgm 9:15am JT Connect 10:30am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	15 25 Kislev Chanukah Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	16 26 Kislev Chanukah Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm BOT Meeting 7pm	17 27 Kislev Chanukah Shaharit 7am Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm All/Emanuel Build Your Light, Chanukah Party 5:30pm	18 28 Kislev Chanukah Shaharit 7am Kibbitz & Nosh 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Membership Mtg 2pm Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm Rising Song 5:30pm	19 29 Kislev Chanukah Shaharit 7am Candle Lighting 4:04pm Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	20 30 Kislev Chanukah Shaharit 9am Tot Shabbat 10:30am Family Srvc 10:30am Spon. Kiddush 12pm Shabbat Club 12pm Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm Havdalah 5:03pm
21 1 Tevet Chanukah Shaharit 8am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	22 2 Tevet Chanukah Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	23 3 Tevet Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	24 4 Tevet Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	25 5 Tevet Christmas Day Shaharit 8am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	26 6 Tevet Shaharit 7am Candle Lighting 4:08pm Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	27 7 Tevet Shaharit 9am Sponsored Kiddush 12pm Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm Havdalah 5:07pm
28 8 Tevet Shaharit 8am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	29 9 Tevet Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	30 10 Tevet Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	31 11 Tevet Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm			